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ABSTRACT

The Annual School Law Seminar, held in conjunction with the conference of the National School Boards Asociation (NSBA), is the NSBA Council of School Attorney's forum for presenting the most recent developments in the practice of school law. The two general sessions and two concurrent sessions included the following papers: "Presenting Threats of Violence in Schools from Turning into a Tragedy" (Lisa L. Swem); "The Attorney's Role In Responding to Violence: A Case Study of Jonesboro, Arkansas" (Janet L. Pulliam); "Preparing to Handle the News Media During a Crisis" (Anne-Marie St. Germaine); "The New Accountability: Legal Implications of High Stakes Testing in Education" (R. Craig Wood, Dana T. Buckman); "What to Ask--Legal and Policy Issues in Conducting Effective Background Investigations" (A. Dean Pickett); "What to Tell--Legal and Policy Problems with References About Former Employees" (Thomas W. Pickrell); "The Attorney-Client Privilege: Challenges to a Traditional Value (Nancy Fredman Krent, Roopal Mehta Saran); "Bargaining and Labor Relations Issues of School Reform: Higher Standards for Certification/Re-certification of Teachers and Merit Pay Based on Student Performance" (David A. Farmelo); "Collective Bargaining and School Reform" (Frank J. Fekete); "Public Relations Aspects of Managing a Strike" (J. Robert Kettlewell); "IEP Development and Placement: A 'Serviceable Chevrolet' for All, Not a 'Cadillac' for Some" (Deryl W. Wynn, Juliann Johnson); "Practical Suggestions to Educators: Avoiding Procedural Violations of the IDEA" (Julie J. Weatherly); and "Disciplining the Disabled: An Analysis of the Law and Court and Hearing Officer Interpretations Under the Reauthorized IDEA" (Janet Little Horton). (AA)

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